

In line 2, delete "cladding" and substitute  
--sheath--.

In line 2, delete "the" and substitute --a--.

In line 5, delete "vagrant" and substitute  
5 --stray--.

In line 7, delete "cladding" and substitute  
--sheath--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

10 On page 1, delete "SPECIFICATION".

On page 1, before the title, insert

**--S P E C I F I C A T I O N**

**TITLE--;**

after the title, as a separate line, insert

15 **--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 1, at line 1, insert --,-- after "core".

On page 1, at line 11, delete "cladding" and  
substitute --sheath--.

On page 1, at line 22, delete "To that end" and  
20 substitute --For that purpose--.

On page 1, at line 31, delete "appertaining" and  
substitute --corresponding--.

On page 2, at line 17, delete "maladjustment" and  
substitute --mis-adjustment--.

25 On page 2, before line 18 as a separate line,  
insert the following heading:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 2, delete lines 23-25 and substitute the following:

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5 --According to the invention, a method is provided for reducing pump light in an exit of a fiber laser formed of a fiber core surrounded by an inner fiber portion which in turn is surrounded by a sheath. A last section of the fiber laser preceding a light exit for laser light thereof does not have provided thereat at least a portion of the sheath.

10 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 shows the fiber laser of the invention in which pump light has been reduced in an exit thereof.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--**

15 On page 2, at line 26, delete "The Figure" and substitute --Figure 1--.

On page 2, at line 27, after "light" insert --5--.

On page 2, at line 27, after "optics" insert --6--.

20 On page 2, rewrite line 28 to read: --at one end 4 of the fiber 10, the left end in the drawing. Let the pump fiber have a fiber core 2 surrounded by an inner fiber portion 1 and--.

25 On page 2, at line 29, before "diameter" insert --a--, after "diameter" insert --d<sub>k</sub>--, delete "70" and substitute --7--, delete "and" and substitute --an--, after "diameter" second occurrence, insert --d<sub>i</sub>--, delete "approximate" and substitute --approximately--.

On page 2, at line 30, after "diameter" insert --d<sub>o</sub>--.

On page 2, last line, after "rays" insert --8--,  
after "arrows" insert --at end face 9-- delete  
"Inventively" and substitute --According to the  
invention, --, after "fiber" insert --10--.

5 On page 3, at line 1, delete "cladding" and  
substitute --sheath 3--, after "section" insert --A--.

On page 3, at line 3, delete "cladding" and  
substitute --sheath--.

10 On page 3, at line 4, after "tapers" insert  
--at section B--.

On page 3, at line 7, after "fiber" insert --10--.

On page 3, at line 8, after "sheath" insert  
--7--.

15 On page 3, at line 11, delete "vagrant" and  
substitute --stray--.

On page 3, at line 12, after "core" insert --2--.

On page 3, at line 12, after "exit" insert --11 at  
end face 9--.

20 On page 3, at line 13, delete "cladding" and  
substitute --sheath--.

On page 3, at line 15, after "end" insert --or  
exit--.

25 On page 3, at line 15, delete "fiber end" and  
substitute --"fiber end"--.

On page 3, at line 16, delete "ensue" and  
substitute --occur--.

On page 3, as the last paragraph, insert the  
following paragraph:

30 --Although various minor changes and modifications  
might be proposed by those skilled in the art, it will be

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